



CITY OF TAUNTON

In the year two thousand and four

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 8 Garbage, Trash and Refuse

Section 8-28.

Duty of Property Owners to Keep Premises Free of Litter and Weeds

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:--

That the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding Section 8-28.

- (a) The owner or person in control of any private property or business property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter: provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection or as otherwise provided for by law.
- (b) The owner or person in control of any lot shall, at all times, control the growth of any wild plants or cultivated plants, or the existence of any obstruction, so as not to interfere or obstruct the view of a reasonable person to oncoming traffic who is exiting from any private driveway or private way onto a public way or a way to which the public has right of access.
- (c) Litter shall be defined for the purposes of section (a) as: any paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, plastic goods, glass goods, used construction material, roof shingled, boards with nails, cut lumber less than 3 feet in length, used motor vehicle parts, - boat parts - engine parts, or other mechanical parts, household appliances or any other object, that a reasonable person would believe has been discarded or otherwise left outside, uncovered, and exposed to the weather unused for the purpose for which it was manufactured.
- (d) Violations of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, c. 21D and/or fines as follows:

First Offense.....\$ 50.00
Second Offense.....\$100.00
Third/Subsequent.....\$300.00

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

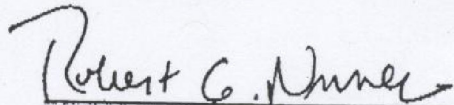
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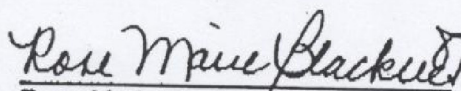
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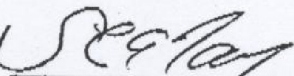
First Reading: August 31, 2004

Second Reading: Sept. 13, 2004


Robert G. Nunes, Mayor

Passed to be Ordained: Sept. 21, 2004 Approved as to Form and Character:


Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk


Steven A. Torres, City Solicitor